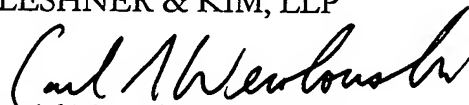


**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1-15 are pending. Claims 13-15 have been amended to depend from claim 8.

Prompt examination and allowance in due course are respectfully solicited.

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